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Docket No. 2629-4017

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): James ANTHONY, et al.

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For: DETECTION OF NUCLEIC ACIDS BY TYPE-SPECIFIC HYBRID CAPTURE METHOD

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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Sir:

Responsive to the Official Action (Paper No. 21) dated October 10, 2003,

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In addition, a Petition for a one (1) month Extension of Time pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a) and the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) are filed herewith to extend the time for response up to and including February 10, 2004.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this paper.

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